



## Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending March 31, 2013

### General

On average, farmers had 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 9 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 23 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 19 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 31 degrees Fahrenheit in Stuttgart. Highs ranged from 65 degrees Fahrenheit at Blytheville to 77 degrees Fahrenheit at Texarkana. Significant rainfall occurred throughout the state.

### Crops

Producers had 22 percent of the corn crop planted, 34 percent behind last year and 10 percent below the five-year average. Corn emergence was at 3 percent, 11 percent behind 2012 and 5 percent below the five-year average. Winter wheat was in fair to good condition, but developed slowly due to the lack of warm weather. Planting of major field crops lagged behind average due to wet and cold conditions. Many producers were still making field preparations.

### Livestock

Livestock were in fair to good condition last week. Pasture and range condition were reported in mostly fair condition last week. Producers were spraying and fertilizing their pastures. Many producers feeding hay with some reports of low hay supplies. Hay condition was fair to good due to favorable weather. However, in many locations growth was slow due to wet and cold conditions.

### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2012	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	22	n/a	56	32
	Emerged	3	n/a	14	8

### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	6	3	32	51	8
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	62	38	0
Hay-Other	5	6	39	49	1
Pasture and Range	7	14	45	31	3

# Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending March 31, 2013

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Mar 31	4 wk	4 wk	Year-to-Date	
						Accum	Normal	2013	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	68	20	-4	1.78	4.48	3.69	11.30	9.79
	Harrison	72	24	-4	0.21	2.60	3.49	9.97	9.07
N. Central	Calico Rock	69	20	-5	0.69	3.63	4.13	15.52	11.14
	Gilbert	72	19	-5	0.60	3.31	4.03	13.46	11.17
	Greers Ferry	68	25	-6	0.63	2.46	4.11	14.77	12.01
	Mtn. Home	69	26	-7	0.71	3.63	4.25	13.85	11.17
Northeast	Batesville	67	25	-7	0.67	3.05	3.85	14.53	11.11
	Blytheville	65	27	-8	0.41	1.81	4.09	14.11	12.51
	Jonesboro	67	27	-7	0.76	2.09	4.13	12.91	11.76
	Keiser	67	27	-7	1.73	3.57	4.15	16.55	12.84
	Newport	66	28	-9	1.50	3.45	4.15	14.09	11.93
W. Central	Booneville	73	24	-5	1.49	4.78	3.93	14.25	11.39
	Clarksville	70	26	-7	1.16	5.33	4.10	13.17	11.26
	Dardanelle	72	24	-6	1.15	3.91	4.00	16.53	11.54
	Ft. Smith	74	27	-3	0.89	3.42	3.53	12.72	9.53
	Mena	69	24	-6	1.50	5.37	4.59	16.58	12.84
	Ozark	72	25	-5	1.13	4.25	3.87	13.93	11.30
Central	Conway	71	27	-8	1.45	4.13	4.47	13.25	12.44
	Hot Springs	69	29	-7	0.83	3.04	4.68	11.85	13.29
	Little Rock	73	29	-6	2.06	4.57	4.26	15.45	12.02
	Morrilton	72	24	-8	1.25	4.00	4.21	14.54	12.02
	N. Little Rock	71	29	-8	2.95	4.98	4.34	15.69	11.99
E. Central	Brinkley	67	29	-8	2.00	4.88	4.05	16.78	12.32
	Marianna	67	29	-8	1.93	4.65	4.40	18.70	13.21
	Stuttgart	67	31	-7	2.49	3.36	4.18	16.34	12.86
	West Memphis	66	27	-7	0.69	2.89	4.45	17.17	13.72
Southwest	DeQueen	75	22	-4	0.60	1.54	4.40	5.66	11.81
	Hope	73	24	-7	1.49	3.82	4.43	12.26	13.73
	Texarkana	77	29	-4	1.19	2.61	3.78	8.67	11.76
S. Central	Camden	73	27	-7	0.97	4.33	4.38	15.15	13.81
	El Dorado	75	27	-6	1.12	2.79	4.27	10.77	13.99
	Fordyce	72	26	-7	1.32	4.75	4.77	15.84	14.49
Southeast	Eudora	72	30	-10	1.17	4.63	4.33	22.54	15.87
	Monticello	72	29	-6	1.18	5.16	4.59	19.60	14.97
	Pine Bluff	72	30	-8	1.59	3.83	4.86	14.28	13.36
	Rohwer	68	29	-9	1.60	4.56	4.06	20.67	14.31

\* Departure from normal =  $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2} - 30 \text{ year average}$

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